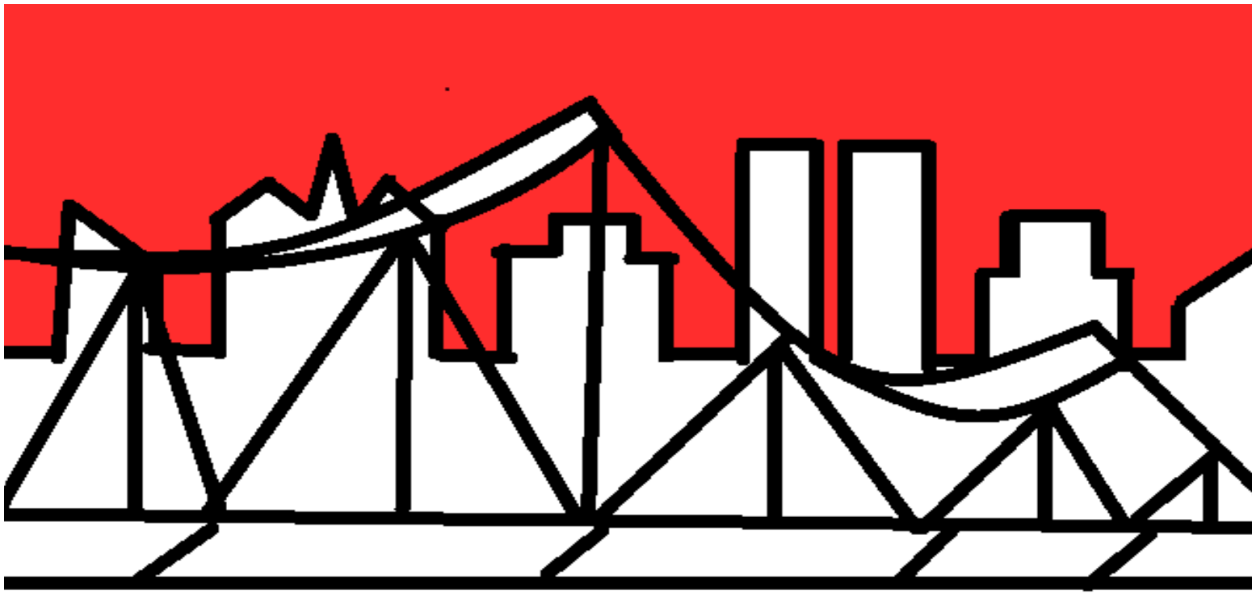


FROM OUR STREETS TO THE CAPITAL:
BRIDGING LOCAL AND NATIONAL

PEORIA

Information Suppression

IN WASHINGTON...

A law passed by Congress set the social media app TikTok to be banned on 1/19/25 unless ByteDance sells the app to the U.S., under the guise of protecting user data. The ban infringes upon First Amendment Rights and the Right to Information, as many of the app's users share information and news through the platform.

Libraries continue to be challenged in terms of what information they can carry (i.e., book banning).

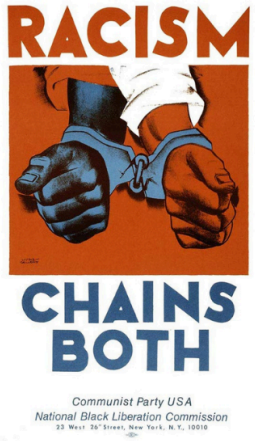
AT HOME...

Although the Illinois Library Act protects readers from information suppression, libraries are always attacked under fascist regimes. Show the state that libraries are still utilized by getting a library card.

Affirmative Action

IN WASHINGTON...

In 2023, the Supreme Court ruled to end race conscious admission programs in higher education. This decision has opened the door to attack affirmative action initiatives in all phases of society.



Here's initiatives that could be impacted by local elections:

- Joint Commission on Racial Justice and Equity
- Fair Employment Commission
- Peoria's Affirmative Action Plan
- Equity in Procurement Expo
- Equal Opportunity Office

AT HOME...

Peoria has a long history of fighting for DEI and affirmative action for its residents. However, the decision of the Supreme Court has opened the door to reverse that history if the wrong people are elected and given the power to do so.

Equity at the workplace is essential for equity in society

Homelessness

IN WASHINGTON...

The Supreme Court recently overturned Grants Pass vs Johnson, making it legal for cities to ban public camping and effectively criminalizing homelessness.

How did your district representative vote?

Should the City of Peoria ban unauthorized camping on public property?	
Andre Allen	No
Bernice Gordon-Young	No
Charles Grayeb	Yes
Charles Cyr	Yes
Denise Jackson	No
John Kelly	Yes
Kiran Velpula	Yes
Mike Vespa	No
Rita Ali	No
Timothy Riggenbach	Yes
Zachary Oyler	Yes

AT HOME...

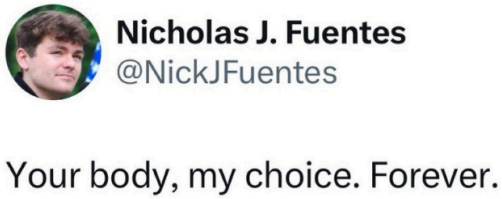
In December of 2024, the City of Peoria passed an ordinance that would ban public camping on City of Peoria property. Unhoused people would be facing fines and eventually jail time and felony records.

EVERY HUMAN should have the right to adequate housing

Reproductive Rights

IN WASHINGTON...

The debate on abortion has quickly revealed itself to be an attack on all women. As conservatives continue to dehumanize women, this radical rhetoric has caused widespread ripple effects across the nation.



...AT HOME

While Illinois has affirmed its intent to protect women's reproductive rights, the terrorist attack on our local Planned Parenthood is a wake-up call. We need to be vigilant in our own neighborhoods.

Healthcare

DENY, DEFEND, DEPOSE

IN WASHINGTON...

As natural disasters sweep the nation, we've seen time and time again that for-profit insurance has routinely earned record profits from the blood and tears of the people. We are tired of subpar insurance for costs that are the leading cause of bankruptcy in this country.

...AT HOME

As climate change worsens natural disasters, we must be wary not only of stronger tornadoes and winter storms, but also for greedy insurance companies removing coverage.

IN WASHINGTON...

The incoming Trump administration has many plans to gut the rights of LGBTQ+ Americans. Project 2025 has mapped out cuts to LGBTQ healthcare, job protections, and countless other civil liberties, even for children.

...AT HOME

While some might think being in a "blue" state will keep us safe from regressive policies that effect the lives of our LGBTQ community, we must be continue to fight and protect the rights of the queer people we know and love. Check the link at the back of this book to get involved!

Resources

Central Illinois Friends:
http://www.friendsofcentralillinois.org/

Dream Center Peoria:
https://www.dreamcenterpeoria.org/

Illinois Library Act:
https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs5.asp?ActID=990

JOLT Peoria:
https://joltfoundation.org/

Lula Peoria:
https://www.lulapeoria.com/

Peoria Communist Party USA:
https://peoriacpusa.org/

Peoria Planned Parenthood:
https://www.plannedparenthood.org/

Peoria Transgender Society:
https://peoriatransgendersociety.com/local-national-lgbt-groups/

Phoenix Community Development Services:
https://phoenixcds.org/

Plan C Pills:
https://www.plancpills.org/

Tri-County Urban League:
https://www.tcpul.com/